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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee
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Re: SB 1089 An Act Concerning Mental Health Services

I am a BCBA practicing in CT and I wholeheartedly support HB 1089 Sections 23-29. It is crucial to consumers of ABA services in the state.

Licensure for behavior analysts will increase consumer protection, as behavior analysts often work with the most vulnerable of populations.

There are 458 CT residents who are certified, and 19 states that already have licensure. Additionally, NY, MA and RI all already have licensure laws in place, and licensure could be incorporated into the new Medicaid regulations, and make it easier for a family to obtain private insurance funding for ABA services.

Thank you for considering these comments,

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